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SUBJ: DIVIDED FAMILIES AND FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT: PIKE-BIEGUNSKI

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1. ON APRIL 27, MR. AND MRS. BIEGUNSKI CALLED AT THE EMBASSY TO INFORM US OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THEIR EFFORTS TO VET A POLISH PASSPORT FOR MACIEJ BIEGUNSKI. ON APRIL 20, MR. BIEGUNSKI WAS TOLD BY THE PASSPORT AUTHORITIES THAT ON APRIL 27 HE WOULD OBTAIN EITHER THE PASSPORT OR BE TOLD THE PLACE AND THE DATE WHEN HE WOULD BE ABLE TO PICK IT UP. ON APRIL 27, WHEN CALLING ON THE PASSPORT AUTHORITIES, HE WAS SHUNTED TO THE POLICE AUTHORITIES, WHO PROFESSED TO BE UNCERTAIN OF THE VALIDITY OF THE COURT DECISION INDICATING THAT BIEGUNSKI HAD FULFILLED ALL POLISH LEGAL OBLIGATIONS CONCERNING CHILD SUPPORT. THE POLICE OFFICIALS SAID THEY WERE DOUBTFUL THAT THE AGREEMENT TOOK ADEQUATE ACCOUNT OF INFLATION AND ADDED THAT POLAND WAS RELUCTANT TO LOSE SPECIALISTS. (NOTE: BIEGUNSKI IS A RESEARCH PHYSICIST. END NOTE). FINALLY, BIEGUNSKI WAS TOLD THAT A DECISION WOULD PROBABLY BE FORTHCOMING IN A WEEK OR SO. THE OFFICIALS SAID THEY DID NOT KNOW WHAT THE DECISION WOULD BE.

2. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THIS LATEST ENCOUNTER OF THE BIEGUNSKIS WITH THE POLISH AUTHORITIES IS HARASSMENT OF THE COARSEST KIND.
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IT IS PARTICULARLY ANNOYING THAT THE QUESTION OF BIEGUNSKI'S PROFESSION IS NOW BEING INTRODUCED. BIEGUNSKI SAYS IT HAS NEVER BEEN RAISED BEFORE.

3. WE ARE BEGINNING TO PROCESS BIEGUNSKI FOR HIS IMMIGRANT VISA SO THAT WE MAY MOVE QUICKLY WHEN HIS PASSPORT IS ISSUED. WE ALSO PROPOSE TO DISCUSS THIS LATEST DIFFICULTY WITH THE MFA AT

THE CONSULAR DEPARTMENT LEVEL AS SOON AS WE CAN GET
AN OFFICIAL APPOINTMENT. END COMMENT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT THE DEPARTMENT RAISE THIS LATEST
HARASSMENT OF BIEGUNSKI WITH THE POLISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.
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